

First Named Inventor: Hidetoshi Abe

Application No.: 10/698,345

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**REMARKS****Notice of Non-compliant Amendment**

The Notice of Non-compliant Amendment stated that claim 12 did not have the proper status identifier. Accordingly, the label "amended" has been amended to "Currently Amended." Applicants respectfully request entry of this submission of the "Amendments to the Claims" in the above-identified application prior to an Examiner undertaking a first Action in connection therewith and await an Official Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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